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Airey Neave, Conservative MP, former prisoner of war at Colditz Castle and ex-Nuremberg prosecutor, tabled a motion January 27 in the House of Commons signed by 145 MPs and calling on the Government to continue its efforts to secure the release of Rudolf Hess on compassionate grounds. The motion is open for further signatures.

The motion is co-sponsored by three Labor ex-Ministers, Emanuel Shinwell, George Strauss (both Jewish), and Douglas Houghton, and by Conservative MP Sir Arthur Vere Harvey and former Liberal Party Leader Jo Grimond. Houghton is Chairman of the Parliamentary Labor Party, and Harvey is Chairman of the 1922 Committee, which includes all Conservative backbenchers.

COMMENT: The motion for Hess' release is thus sponsored by the most prestigious possible backbench MPs.

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